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Challenge

- Power Critical Infrastructure/Key Resource (CI/KR)
  - Pre-Identified Critical Sites – Determination of power requirements
  - Access to sites – Lines of Communication to “Owner of CI/KR” to open Facility
  - Debris removal
  - Coordination with State and Local entities

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Challenge

- Infrastructure Continued
  - Assessment coordinating across Federal, State, Local, private, regional, multi regional spectra. “Integration”
  - Responsibility for CI/KR
    - Prioritization
    - Access
    - Sector Specific (ESF #3 vs DHS IAIP vs OFA)

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Challenge

- Terminology for Landfall
  - The “L” sequence causes confusion. Mix of “Day” and “Hour” (L-2 days) (L-48Hrs).
  - Is it actual Landfall or the onset of tropical force winds?

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Challenge

- Research and Development in Support of FEMA Missions
  - Does FEMA have an R&D Program?
  - How are requirements identified and prioritized?
  - What are the focus areas for R&D?
  - Integrated prioritized requirement list of federal government assets

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Challenge

- Housing of Evacuees and Responders
  - Executive Order to get people out of shelters and into hotels/motels or long term facilities resulting in competition with responders needing hotel space
  - Rely on USFS and establish “Base Camps for staff. No existing policy in place for working under disaster or austere conditions.
  - Mandate contractors not use hotels thus making space available for evacuees. Make housing for contractors on a cost reimbursable basis.
  - What is the impact on operations of a policy precluding responders (including contractors) from getting hotel rooms? (hypothetical no policy as of yet)

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Challenge

- Remote Sensing Information
  - Is there a system in place to gather and share this information between agencies
  - How can National Level Information be passed down to regions and states

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Challenge

- How much information do we need before we make a decision to move?
  - We will move forward and if necessary pull back assets that aren't needed
  - PKEMRA allows for the accelerated federal assistance. Will inform Governor that FEMA is moving forward
  - Initial onset – Will we push or wait for state to request assistance?

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Challenge

- What authority does USACE have to act outside the boundaries of an MA to address needs identified on the ground?
  - USACE will operate to achieve the general goals of missions and notify ops of activities that fall outside of MAs.
  - Still a money issue

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Challenge

- Strategic/Long Range Planning
  - Overarching strategic planning done in advance of landfall.
  - Look ahead 7 days and beyond
  - Enact these plans as appropriate

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Challenge

- Temp Roofing
  - Does the PKEMRA authorize IA/PA for commercial building (apartment) for housing?
  - Are there different eligibility standards between states or was it a regional interpretation?
  - Include Fed to Fed support